

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAFAYETTE PUBLIC UTILITIES AUTHORITY OF THE CITY-PARISH OF LAFAYETTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 4, 2004.

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL: Rob Stevenson (Chair), Louis C. Benjamin, Jr., Bruce Conque, Marc Mouton

ABSENT: Christopher J. Williams, Ph.D.

COUNCIL STAFF: Norma Dugas (Clerk), Anne Patin (Senior Administrative Assistant)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Terry Huval (Utilities Director), Becky Lalumia (Associate CAO/Finance & Management), Pat Ottinger (Legal Counsel)

COMMENCEMENT

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(001) AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to order.

Chair Rob Stevenson called the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority Meeting of May 4, 2004, to order.

EXECUTIVE/PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(004) AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: President's Report.

No report.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(006) AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: LUS Director's Report.

LUS Director Terry Huval presented the Council with a proposal to look into using fiber optics to provide cable, Internet and telephone service to Lafayette Parish. A decision has not been made yet and a market study will have to be conducted in order to determine the feasibility of the proposal. Results of the feasibility study will be given to the Council in June. He then showed the Council a mockup of an electric meter for a residence. The meter would bring cable, phone and Internet service to the home and would provide backup capabilities.

At this point, Councilmember Williams joined the meeting.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(404) AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: O-017-2004(LPUA) An ordinance of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority authorizing the advance of up to \$15,000,000 for engineering, construction, and other costs of the Utilities System's new combustion turbine generation project and declaring the official intent of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority to expend Utilities System capital and/or operating funds for purposes for which the bonds of the Utilities System are anticipated to be issued and to later reimburse such expenditures from sale proceeds, motion to adopt by Mouton, seconded by Benjamin, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Williams, Benjamin, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

Huval explained that Utilities has been moving aggressively forward due to the transmission line constraint issue. Engineering has already been done along with costs associated with that, the property purchases have begun and the bid process has been started. All funds associated with these actions will be replenished by the bond proceeds. The bonds should be going on sale in mid-June. He offered to provide Williams with the remaining process at a later date.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(467) AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: O-018-2004(LPUA) An ordinance of the Lafayette Public Utilities Authority amending the FY 03/04 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by authorizing the adjustment of the manning tables and corresponding budgetary accounts within the Department of Utilities Transmission and Distribution division, motion to adopt by Conque, seconded by Benjamin, and the vote was as

follows:

YEAS: Williams, Benjamin, Conque, Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: None

Motion was unanimously approved.

Huval explained that all but one Lineman II positions have been filled due to the pay adjustments bringing these positions closer to market value. The LUS staff has suggested to Huval that there are qualified Lineman I's to hire. They are recommending the downgrade of the open Lineman II position and reduce to a Lineman I. When the Lineman I show qualifications of a Lineman II, promotional money (within the budget) will be used to promote.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(509) AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Comments from the public on other matters.

No comments.

ADJOURN

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(510) There being no further business to come before the LPUA, Chair Stevenson declared the meeting adjourned.

NORMA A. DUGAS, CLERK
LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL